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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LDP DIETMEN GROUP TO WASHINGTON

1. DELEGATION OF SIX LDP DIETMEN ACCOMPANIED BY TWO AIDES HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON DC AUGUST 26-27 AND HAS REQUESTED WE CONVEY TO DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CALLS BY GROUP ON PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER, AND COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR JAPAN SHERMAN. LEADER OF DELEGATION DIETNAM BUNSEI SATO SAID REQUESTS FOR ABOVE MEETINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE THROUGH FONOFF-WASHINGTON EMBASSY CHANNEL BUT ASKED THAT WE NOTIFY WASHINGTON OF GROUP'S MAKEUP AND WISH TO MEET WITH KEY US OFFICIALS.

2. LDP DELEGATION, ESSENTIALLY MEMEBERS OF LDP INFORMATION BUREAU, CONSISTS OF INFORMATION BUREAU DIRECTOR BUNSEI SATO; 54; PRESS BUREAU DIRECTOR KEIWA OKUDA, 47; FORMER WELFARE VICE MINISTER TOSHIO YAMAGUCHI, 33; SOCIAL POLICY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN TOKUO YAMASHITA, TRV VICE-DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION BUREAU SENPACHI OISHI, 38; VICE-DIRECTOR OF PRESS BUREAU MASAMI KOBAYASHI, 43; ADVISER OSAMU GOTOH; AND SECRETARY KENJI SUZUKI.

3. GROUP IS CURRENTLY TRAVELLING IN LATIN AMERICA AND WILL VISIT MEXICO, GUATEMALA, PANAMA, ECUADOR, PERU, ARGENTINA, AND BRAZIL BEFORE ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON
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AUGUST 25. OBJECT OF TRIP IS QTE TO HELP BROADEN INTERNATIONAL

HORIZONS OF LDP UNQTE AND TO DISCUSS PRESENT STATE OF US-JAPAN RELATIONS.

4. WE BELIEVE EVEN BRIEF CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY AND ON SECRETARY IF POSSIBLE IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH EA/J WOULD HAVE USEFUL MULTIPLIER EFFECT SINCE GROUP PLANS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF VISIT IN PARTY PUBLICATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO WHAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.
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